

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, February 22, 2018
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:05 P.M. to 1:25 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Tim O'Brien
Vice-Chair Micki Ruth
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner John McDougall
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner
Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

EPC STAFF

Justin Krikler, Acting Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Policy & Research Analyst
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Zeeshan Mughal, Audit Coordinator
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

ABSENT

Commissioner Erick Ambtman

GUESTS

Acting Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Chief Administrative Officer Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Al Murphy, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Sid Kingma, Edmonton Police Service
Lisa Jimmo, Edmonton Police Service
Brian Kisilevich, Edmonton Police Service
Stacey York, Edmonton Police Service
Roxanne Davignon, Edmonton Police Service
Cal Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service
David Schneider, Edmonton Police Service
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (5)

Members of the Media (3)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.</p>	
	<p>1.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p><i>He opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</i></p> <p>“We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered today which is Treaty 6 Territory. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous people whose ancestors footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit. It is a welcoming place for all people who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.”</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p>	
	<p>2.4 <u>EPS Recognized as Alberta Top Employer in 2018</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien announced that the Edmonton Police Service has been selected as one of Alberta's Top 70 Employers for 2018. This special designation recognizes Alberta employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. It is a competition organized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers. Deputy Chief Brezinski and members of the Service's Human Resources Division accepted this acknowledgement in Calgary, February 21, 2018, on behalf of the Service. Chair O'Brien congratulated all employees of the Service for this recognition.</p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Edmonton Police Service Investigation re Ransomware</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that on January 29, 2018 the Chief and Chair of the Commission received a letter from the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board complimenting the Service and several individual members, Beat Constable James Wirrell and his partner, Cyber Crimes Unit members Constables Phil Hawkins and Tanya Griffith, and Tech Crimes Unit Consultant Derrick Karpo who was supervised by A/Sergeant Chris Klimosko, for their excellent work and</p>	

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	<p>response to a recent ransomware attack at their organization.</p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien extended his thanks to those members and other staff members who continue to work on the case within the Cyber Crimes and Tech Crimes Unit.</p>	
2.2	<p><u>Conference Board of Canada Presentation Members</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that on February 6, 2018 Chief Knecht took the opportunity to speak at the Conference Board of Canada – Centre for National Security meeting in Ottawa. The focus of the session was “responding to and mitigating vehicle borne attacks”. He provided a case study presentation.</p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien congratulated Chief Knecht on his presentation being voted on by most participants at the session as being the one they enjoyed the best.</p>	
2.3	<p><u>Canada 150 Community Leadership Award Recipient</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that a refugee teen, Naol Tasissa, who participated in the Police and Youth engagement Program received a Canada 150 Community Leadership Award for giving back to the community. He participated in the program for 3 years and became a youth leader in 2017. The program aims to build positive relationships between police and youth and focuses on building leadership capacity by developing positive role models. Mr. Tasissa receiving this award is a testament to the positive impact that the Police and Youth Program has for our citizens.</p>	
2.4	<p><u>EPS Recognized as Alberta Top Employer in 2018</u></p> <p>This item was brought forward prior to Item #2.1.</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p>	

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	<p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hamilton That the agenda for the Commission’s February 22, 2018 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor McKeen</p>	
4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 18, 2018</u></p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Ruth – Commissioner Hawn That the minutes for the Commission’s January 18, 2018 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor McKeen</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair O’Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
6.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hawn That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor McKeen</p> <p>Chair O’Brien referred to Item #6.3 (Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending December 31, 2018) and commended the Service for its less than 1% variance in total spending for 2017.</p>	
8.	<p>The following item was brought forward:</p> <p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Boleska • Robert Kraft • Bashir Mohamed 	
7.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	

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7.1	<p><u>Tactical Response to Auto Theft Prevention (TRAP) – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Staff Sergeant Kingma provided a brief history on TRAP.</p> <p>He spoke on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why TRAP focuses on stolen vehicles • How big a problem auto theft is • The TRAP teams approach to auto theft • Key challenges • TRAP statistics from March 19 to December 31, 2017 • Catch and release issues with offenders <p>Staff Sergeant Kingma responded to questions.</p>	
(Staff Sergeant Kingma left the meeting)		
8.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>This matter was brought forward following Item #6.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
9.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A/Chief Preston advised that the unveiling of the new Air 1 helicopter will be held February 23, 2018 in Villeneuve.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>Q4 2017 Annual Policing Plan: Public Initiatives</u></p> <p>Mr. Spanu provided an overview of the performance measures and strategic initiatives.</p> <p>He advised that he received a similar Annual Policing Plan from Scotland and offered to share it with the Commission.</p> <p>Deputy Chief Simpson, Deputy Chief Brezinski, Mr. Spanu and Mr. Schafer responded to questions.</p> <p>In response to Chair O'Brien, CAO Revell advised that the Service tracks the number of individuals who enter into the recruitment program and are successful. It also tracks them from training to graduation. Going forward this information will be provided to the Commission in the report.</p>	<p>EPS</p> <p>EPS</p>

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(Mr. Spanu left the meeting)		
10.	<u>CHAIR REPORT</u>	
	<p>10.1 <u>Street Check Review Update</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien reported that in the summer of 2017 the Commission initiated a third party review of Edmonton Police Service street checks to determine if the current practice was in line with best practices around the country. The review is under the lead of Dr. Curt Griffiths, School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. The current Street Check Policy and Practice Review project is approximately 2/3 complete. The review of literature and the Edmonton Police focus groups and interviews have been completed. The research team participated in ride-alongs, walk-alongs and field observations. 2016 and 2017 data received from the Service is under review. One of the primary objectives is to contextualize this data by speaking to various community groups about their experiences. The participation has been positive. A key community group who participated is REACH. REACH set up focus group sessions and co-facilitated with the research team. The Commission is confident the research team will meet the objectives of this project and that this review will ensure the Service is using best practices tailored to the community. The Commission expects a final report back by March 31, 2018.</p>	
	<p>10.2 <u>Professional Standards Committee Membership</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that Vice-Chair Ruth has expressed an interest in sitting on the Professional Standards Committee.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hamilton – Commissioner MacKenzie That Vice-Chair Ruth be appointed to sit on the Professional Standards Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor McKeen</p>	Vice-Chair Ruth
11.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>A/Executive Director Krikler thanked the Service for working with</p>	

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	<p>the Commission to organize the Service’s training session for new and current Commission members at Edmonton Police Service Headquarters on January 29, 2018.</p> <p>A/Executive Director Krikler advised that a Citizens Police Academy Session will start March 20, 2018, for which he has the information available. He encouraged Commission members to attend.</p>	EPC Members
12.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>12.1.1 <u>Commission Association Membership – EPC Policy #5.8</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Councillor Hamilton That the Commission maintain its memberships with the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) • Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) • National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) • Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) • REACH (Edmonton Council for Safe Communities) <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor McKeen</p>	
	<p>12.1.2 <u>Alberta Community Justice Awards</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the Commission received the nomination criteria for the Alberta Community Justice Awards for 2018 and is nominating Edmonton Police Service Superintendent David Veitch for his participation and leadership in the Heavy Users of Service (HUoS) Program. The program was launched in 2013 and includes partnerships with 16 different groups and organizations including health and social services providers, first responders, justice services,</p>	

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	<p>indigenous-focused organizations and government representatives. It has seen positive social returns and continues to service the most vulnerable members of our community.</p> <p>Superintendent Veitch has received letters of support from several community agencies and will hopefully be selected and recognized by the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General for his commitment to this worthwhile endeavor.</p>	
(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)		
	<p>12.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie reported that she is the new Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee.</p> <p>The remaining Committee meetings for 2018 will commence at 1:00 P.M.</p>	
	<p>12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>12.3.1 <u>PSB November 2017 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth presented the list of January, 2018 Professional Standards Branch extension requests brought forward to the Commission by the Chief of Police, together with the recommendations of the Commission's Professional Standards Committee, at the Commission's January 18, 2018 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p>	
	<p>12.3.2 <u>Summary of Compliments - January</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised that a number of compliments were received by the Service in January. She shared two of them.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	

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14.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
15.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
15.1	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Ruth</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised that there is an excellent roster of speakers for the 2018 CAPG Conference.</p>	
15.2	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) – Chair O’Brien</u></p>	
	<p>15.2.1 <u>Update</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien advised that an AAPG meeting was held this past month. The AAPG 2018 budget approved at the meeting is \$84,000.00. AAPG relies on the financial support of the Calgary Police Commission and Edmonton Police Commission and a grant from the Provincial Government.</p> <p>A/Executive Director Krikler advised that a call for resolutions has come forward to the Commission from the AAPG. Submissions will be due no later than March. Members were asked to provide any suggestions to A/Executive Director Krikler.</p>	EPC Members
	<p>15.2.2 <u>AAPG Board Representation</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien advised that his term with the AAPG Board is coming to an end and a new representative from the Commission will need to be nominated to sit on the Board. This matter will come forward to the Commission’s March, 2018 public meeting.</p>	
15.3	<p><u>REACH – Commissioner Hawn</u></p>	
	<p>15.3.1 <u>Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the 24/7 crisis</p>	

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	<p>diversion program is active with a number of teams on the street. REACH has conducted 1366 interventions this past month. Homelessness and intoxication remains the main reason for calls.</p>	
	<p>15.3.2 REACH Board Representation</p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that he sat on the REACH Board for the last two years, and volunteered to remain on the Board as the Commission's representative for another year.</p> <p>Members unanimously agreed that Commissioner Hawn remain as the Commission's representative on the REACH Board for 2018.</p>	<p>Commissioner Hawn</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no comments/concerns/commendations.</p>	
<p>17.</p>	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's February 22, 2018 Public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission